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DECEMBER MILK PRICES DECREASED FROM NOVEMBER

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during December were down from a month earlier, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of corn and apples decreased also. The price of hay and potatoes increased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$18.40 per hundredweight of milk sold during December, down \$1 from November but up \$1.30 from December a year ago.

Grain corn, at \$5.20 per bushel, was down 3 cents from November but increased \$1.42 from last year. Hay averaged \$105.00 per ton, up \$1 from November but down \$24 from December 2009. Potatoes averaged \$13.30 per cwt, up 90 cents from November and up \$1.20 from last year. Apples averaged \$25.60 per cwt, down \$1.20 from November but up \$4.10 from last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle and lower prices for lettuce, milk, oranges, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

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